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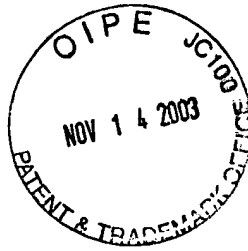
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: